

count of his exceeding piety, is to this day called *The father of the faithful*. The religion of that great man appears to have been preserved in this line: for, Isaac, who was the grandfather of Joseph, and Jacob his father, were both renowned for their steady adherence to the worship of Jehovah. Indeed, in that age, when men called images of wood and stone their gods, and worshipped them as such, those persons who dared to reject and oppose their impious customs, were deserving of the highest regard.

Joseph was the first of Rachel's children, but the youngest, excepting one, of his father Jacob's family.

His mother died when he was very young; and there is reason to suppose that he had no recollection of her person. However, though he was deprived of a pious and tender mother, he enjoyed the peculiar care of a very affectionate father.

father. And perhaps love he bore to Rachel more in this son than those parents are set more value upon others, as it frequently of distress afterward was the case in the case, however, that pleased with Joseph, good child, and loved instructions, which we others did not; for that Jacob had two Reuben, Simeon, Judah, Gad, Issachar, Zebulun. Indeed the observations on this as he was at this time noticed in history.